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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING CONSUMER
GOODS USED IN AN ANALYZER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before continued examination on the merits, and in reply
to the final Office Action mailed January 18, 2006, the
Applicants request reconsideration as follows.